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### **Loudoun Celebrates Adult Drug Treatment Court Graduation**

Loudoun County celebrated an Adult Drug Treatment Court graduation on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, in a ceremony hosted at the Loudoun County Courthouse. Drug treatment courts are specialized court dockets within the existing structure of Virginia's court system offering judicial monitoring of intensive treatment and strict supervision of substance-abusing defendants in drug and drug-related cases.

The primary goal of drug treatment courts is to reduce recidivism rates. The program is documented to reduce costs to Virginia taxpayers when compared to traditional case processing.

Drug treatment courts represent the coordinated efforts of a variety of government agencies and community partners to break the cycle of substance abuse, addiction and crime. The drug treatment court participant undergoes an intense regimen of substance abuse and mental health treatment, case management, drug testing and probation supervision while reporting to regularly scheduled status hearings before a judge.

Participation in drug treatment court is voluntary and available to a limited number of non-violent offenders who have substance use disorders. Candidates are carefully assessed through an established application process. Participants are required to fulfill the terms and conditions of the drug treatment court.

The Loudoun County Adult Drug Treatment Court is an intensive supervision program that provides support and services from a collaborative team of county agencies, including:

- Department of Community Corrections
- Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services
- Loudoun County Circuit Court
- Loudoun County Clerk of the Circuit Court
- Loudoun County Sheriff's Office
- Loudoun Office of the Public Defender
- Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney

More information about specialized court dockets and other programs administered by the Department of Community Corrections can be found on the [Loudoun County website](http://www.loudoun.gov).

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